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Thomas Debass joined the Global Development Alliance (GDA) and Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade (EGAT) teams in 2007. In this dual role, Mr. Debass seeks new opportunities to help amplify the development impact of migration, remittances and other Diaspora-led activities, as well as coordinating broader financial sector partnerships.

Prior to joining USAID, he was a senior international economist with the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) in Washington, DC. At OPIC his field of concentration was economic evaluation and monitoring of OPIC-supported U.S. foreign direct investment (FDI) and Diaspora direct investment (DDI) projects. Before that he worked as a consultant for Danish Aid Agency-supported agricultural research project in East Africa and as research associate for USAID-supported Integrated Pest Management – Collaborative Research Support Program (IPM-CRSM) in Bangladesh and Uganda.

Mr. Debass is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a master's degree in Applied Economics and a bachelor's in Economics. He also has an Executive Certificate in International Business Management from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University.